

# AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

## NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal's Office

Dear parents, students, staff and community of Al Amanah;

All praise and thanks are due to our Exalted God "Allah", the Creator of all and to Him belong the endowments and proper commendations. I ask Him to bestow upon us guidance and wisdom. May Allah raise the rank of Prophet Muhammad, and protect his nation from that which he fears for it.

### Eid Mubarak.

Firstly, I would like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to the whole community of Al Amanah College on the glorious occasion of Eid ul-Adha, and I ask our God the Almighty ALLAH to make this year full of tranquillity, peace, and happiness for all parents, students, staff members and all Muslims in the world.

### Activities.

Term 3 started with many activities which have lots of fun associated with educational events planned for the students this term; some of which are several incursions and excursions to different places; in addition to the Gymnastic Program for all students who have been enjoying the benefits of regular exercise. Also, our teaching staff worked on the assessment of new kindergarten students for 2019.

### Parent Helpers.

We would like also to extend our thanks to the parent helpers Mrs. Abou Ghaida and Mrs. Haddara for the great work they have been doing in supporting students in reading and to Mrs Hamza through the Multi-Lit program and we look forward to their continued support.

### Incentives.

We are still in the process of refreshing our school and our main focus will be the further improvement of teaching and learning and provision of quality programs to ensure that all topics for each subject are covered and to enhance individual student learning outcomes. Hence, our students will continue to grow in knowledge

Finally, I am looking forward to vitalizing supplemental partnership with the whole community of Al Amanah College. I wish you all the very best.

Bassam Adra



## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 28 August**

Eid Fete

**Thursday 30 August**

Snazzy Sock Day

**Tuesday 4 September**

Y1 Powerhouse Museum

3M & 4O Woolworth's Excursion

**Thursday 6 September**

Year 4 Botany Bay

3S & 5Z Woolworth's Excursion

Y6 Maths Cup

**Friday 7 September**

6S Woolworth's Excursion

**Monday 10 September**

Year 2 Coastal Environments  
Excursion

**Thursday 13 September**

Professor Maths Incursion

**Tuesday 18 September**

Book Parade

Kindy Kaleidoscope Incursion

## SCIENCE WEEK



This year's 'Science Fun Day' at Al Amanah College was on Thursday 17 August. The school theme of 2018 National Science Week, 'Game Changers and Change Makers', focused on the scientists, engineers, technologists, mathematicians, designers and innovators of the past and present. All classes conducted fun and creative activities that stimulated student's curiosity and aimed to answer fundamental questions about how the world works. Some activities included creating their own volcanoes, paper planes, making their suspension bridge and testing things that float or not. Well done to all students and teachers for their hard work!



## ASCENT FOOTWEAR SHOE LACE TYING LESSONS

This year our school participated in Ascent Footwear's shoe lace tying lessons. Ascent Footwear works closely with the Podiatry community and The Athlete's Foot to ensure they are meeting the needs of Australian school kids feet. Part of this commitment is educating students about a range of foot health issues from learning how to tie shoe laces to basic foot biomechanics.

The lessons were totally free and the children were presented with a tying certificate and 9 step guide so they can keep practicing at home!

For more information visit: <http://www.ascentfootwear.com.au/lace-tying-lesson/>



## JASON CLARE VISIT

On Friday 27 July, Year Six and SRC students had the privilege of participating in a mock-parliament directed by Jason Clare (Member of Parliament for Blaxland). Students were able to witness firsthand how parliament operates and the process of passing new laws within Australia.

Students fought formidably with their words over the introduction of a 'Bill' banning homework in schools. During the debate students confidently presented their arguments defending their side. They were then able to work in their teams to negotiate a compromise before votes were taken.

A huge thank you to Jason Clare for taking his time to educate students about Parliament and the House of Representatives.

Mr Sinwan



## GALA DAY

On Wednesday 4 July, Year 5 and 6 attended a European Handball Gala Day at Neville Reserve. While competing, students showed tremendous athleticism and sportsmanship by playing fair and following the rules of the game.

Our students managed to win a few games. Unfortunately, they were not able to progress to the finals. It was an eventful day and I'm proud of the performance each student put forth.

Mr Sinwan



## GYMNASTICS

In Term 3, students were involved in an all school gymnastics program. Professional instructors lead the program and assisted the students to learn specific gymnastics skills whilst developing overall fitness, core strength and flexibility, as well as enhancing spatial awareness. Students were so eager to participate in gymnastics. They have had such an incredible time practising and showing off their gymnastics skills. We hope that this program has assisted in building little skilled gymnasts at our school and we look forward to running the program again in the future!



## YEAR 3 SYDNEY EYE TOWER

On Monday 13 August, Year 3 headed down to the city to explore Sydney Tower Eye. The day began with jumping on the buses and the students were eager to drive through our city to see the waters under our Harbour Bridge. When we arrived in front of the Sydney Tower Eye, students began estimating how high the tower is and how long it would take them to get to the very top.

Students were on their best behaviour whilst listening attentively to teacher's instructions. Year 3 enjoyed seeing Sydney from an elevated point of view and were enthusiastic about observing different landmarks from the Sydney Tower Eye. We discussed the history of this magnificent landmark and headed back down for lunch.



## YEAR 9 AL AMANAH LIVERPOOL MUSIC EXCURSION

On Thursday 9 August, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 were privileged to have had the Liverpool Al Amanah Year 9 Music class perform at our Bankstown Campus.

Students benefited by listening to an important Religious lesson by Imam Sheikh Amr Alshelh Al-Azhary. This was followed with an amazing performance of Islamic chants that enlightened our hearts. The performance concluded with students enjoying some delicious light refreshments.

We would like to thank Sheikh Amr Alshelh, the students of the Year 9 Music class and their teacher Mr Mallitt for an enjoyable experience and look forward to their next visit.



# INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

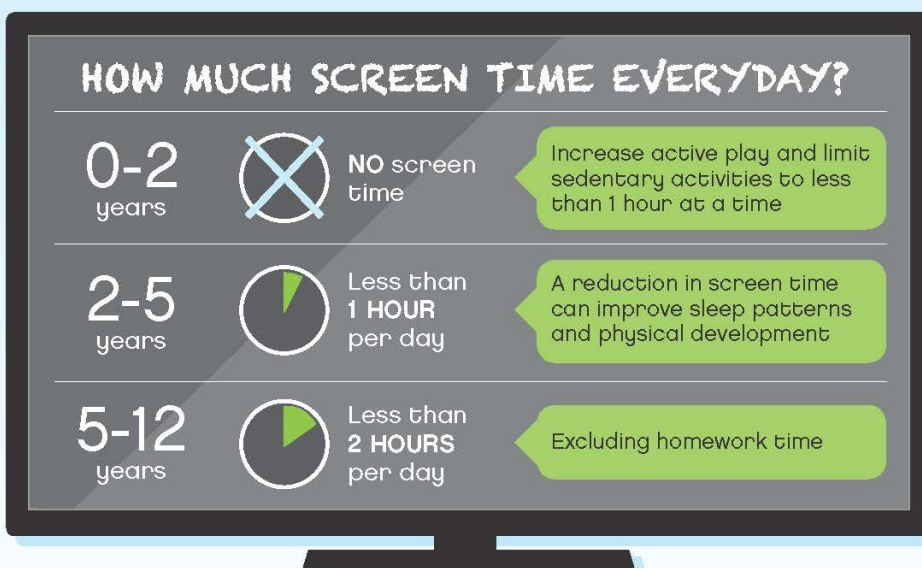
ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students. The assessments encompass tests in Digital Technologies, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing.

Congratulations to Riyad Weaver, Aaysha Siddiqui and Mahek Saiyyad for achieving fantastic results in the ICAS assessment.

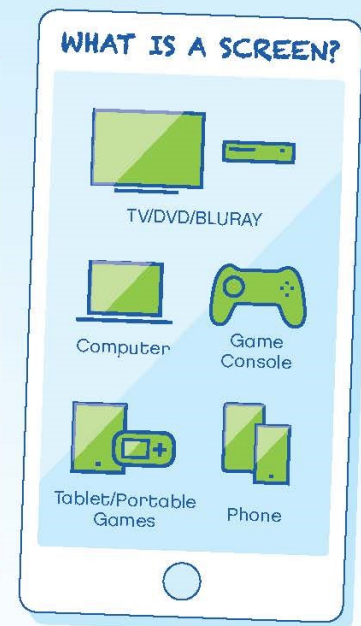


## TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, recreation and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to find a balance between inactive time and active play.



\*\* Based on Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines 2014



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

1 or 2 days ABSENT a week doesn't seem much but ....			
If your child misses ....	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years
How about 10 minutes LATE a day? Surely that won't affect my child?			
He/she is only missing just ....	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

### Why does Attendance Matter?

Regular attendance not only improves academic results but enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and assists in building important coping and friendship skills. Confident students are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour.

Regular attendance relieves stress and makes school easier.

### Attendance letters

Letters will be sent home to all parents/carers of students whose attendance is causing concern. Attendance below 85% is a concern. If your child's attendance is **below 80%** it means on average your child is having **one day off a week**. Please feel free to call and discuss your child's attendance.

### Late is not great

Being on time is important and at Al Amanah College we actively encourage all students to be on time. If you are late please make sure a note is supplied to explain why, with a valid reason. If your child is late without a valid reason it will go down as an unjustified partial absence and this will appear on your child's report.



# Sydney EID FESTIVAL 2018

**SATURDAY**  
**1st SEP**

**SUNDAY**  
**2nd SEP**

**10AM - 8PM**

**PAUL KEATING PARK, BANKSTOWN**  
**FREE ENTRY | FREE PARKING**



**92.1**  
**2MFM**  
MUSLIM COMMUNITY RADIO

**STAY  
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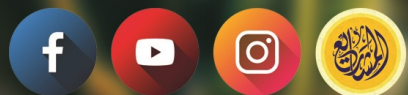
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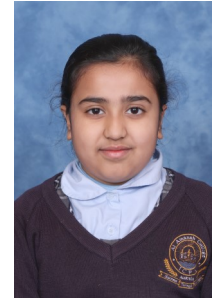
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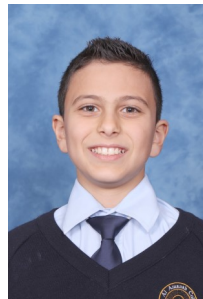
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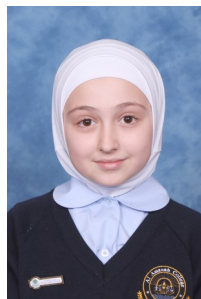
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Abdul Hassanein  
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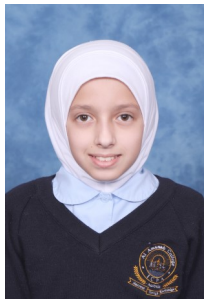
Daniel Aassar  
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Asiyah Kanj  
6S



Adiba Yasmin  
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Malak Hamdash  
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## PRC REMINDER

Students need to complete their online Student Reading Record by **31 August 2018 (11:59 pm)** to complete the Challenge. Students need to read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

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